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Treaty Doc. 105-36 — Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on Accession of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic

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Debate on the resolution of ratification for the Senate's advice and consent for NATO expansion will resume this week. Several amendments to the resolution have been filed and a number of others are anticipated, as follows:

Amendments that have been filed:

Warner/Moynihan/Bingaman. Provides for a three-year pause in further NATO expansion after admission of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic. (Ex. Amendment No. 1678, *Congressional Record* 2/27/98, S 1164)

Harkin. Limits U.S. funding of NATO "common-funded budget" items to include enumerated programs: foreign military financing, excess defense articles transfers, emergency drawdowns, and IMET. (Ex. Amendment No. 2018, *Congressional Record* 3/17/98, S 2139)

Harkin. (Two amendments) Requires full accounting of all U.S. contributions for NATO expansion. (Ex. Amendments Nos. 2050 and 2051, *Congressional Record* 3/19/98, S 2344)

Harkin. Requires a CBO study of enlargement costs if other countries beyond the first three join NATO. (Ex. Amendment No. 2052, *Congressional Record* 3/19/98, S 2344)

Stevens/Byrd/Campbell/Thurmond/Warner/Roberts. Requires that all U.S. costs related to either the admission of new NATO members or their participation in NATO be specifically authorized by law. (Ex. Amendment No. 2065, *Congressional Record* 3/23/98, S 2437)

Stevens/Byrd/Campbell/Warner/Roberts. Restricts the use of funds for payment of NATO costs unless the Secretaries of Defense and State certify that the total percentage of NATO common costs paid by the United States will not exceed 20 percent during the NATO fiscal year. (Ex. Amendment No. 2066, *Congressional Record* 3/23/98, S 2438)

Craig. Conditions deposit of the instrument of ratification on Congressional authorization of the U.S. deployment in Bosnia. (Ex. Amendment No. 2081, *Congressional Record* 3/23/98, S 2446)

Craig/Hutchison (TX). Requires the President to submit cost information to the Senate, and Senate approval of that information, prior to deposit of the instrument of ratification. (Ex. Amendment No. 2082, *Congressional Record* 3/23/98, S 2446)

Other possible amendments:

Moynihan/Warner. Defers NATO membership of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic until they have become members of the European Union. (*Congressional Record* 3/3/98, S 1290)

Smith (NH). Requires that the new members of NATO be more forthcoming about information regarding American POW/MIAs.

Jeffords. Requires an annual report on the status of discussions concerning further enlargement of NATO, including the timetable and how the function of NATO would be altered.

Bingaman. Requires a report on the military readiness of additional countries considered for NATO membership and the costs of adding new countries.

Bingaman. Delays new NATO members (beyond the first three) until NATO completes its revision of its Strategic Concept.

Bingaman. Requires the President to consult with Congress 45 days before agreeing to admit the Baltic states.

Bingaman. Endorses Partnership for Peace and its objectives.

Harkin. Prohibits deployment of nuclear weapons or dual-use aircraft in the three new member countries.

Hutchison (TX). Creates a NATO dispute-resolution mechanism.

Hutchison (TX). Requires that the proportion of U.S. spending on NATO relative to GDP shall not exceed the ratio of the total contributions of France, Germany, Italy, and the U.K.

Hutchison (TX). Establishes as U.S. policy that after the current round of NATO expansion, future candidates must be members of the European Union.

Hutchison (TX). Requires the President to submit a report within 180 days setting forth the strategic rationale for NATO.

Conrad. Mandates discussions with Russia on tactical nuclear weapons, increased transparency about tactical nuclear weapons, data exchange, increased warhead security, and facilitation of weapons dismantlement.

Leahy. Regarding reductions in conventional force levels in Europe.

Ashcroft. Regarding NATO's core mission of collective self-defense under Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty and out-of-area peacekeeping missions.

Smith (NH). Regarding a Congressional vote on authorizing U.S. deployment in Bosnia.

Wellstone. Requires a report on NATO's ability to defend three new members without using nuclear weapons.

Roberts. Regarding NATO's core mission of collective self-defense under Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty and out-of-area peacekeeping missions.

Harkin. Limitation on U.S. support for national expenses of new members.

Craig. Requires the President to seek and obtain a United Nations commitment that U.S. costs of non-Article 5 missions shall be reimbursed by the United Nations or credited toward the U.S. peacekeeping assessment.

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